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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, UK

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE AT LONDON

REF: STATE 14353

1. LETTER BASED ON TEXT SUGGESTED REFTEL DELIVERED TO  
BROWN OF UK DEPT. OF TRADE JAN. 23. COPY POUCHED EB/OA.

2. BROWN WILL REPLY FORMALLY, BUT IN COURSE OF INFORMAL  
DISCUSSION OF QUESTION HE MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

(A) HE, BROWN, HAD MADE CLEAR DURING DECEMBER TALKS,  
WHEN SHOVELTON "FAILED TO DO SO," THAT UK SIDE DID NOT  
ACCEPT US ARGUMENT THAT PAN AM PRACTICE WITHIN TERMS OF  
NOTE 6(C) OF ANNEX L,5 TO THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT. IN  
PARTICULAR HE FELT THAT CONFLICT ON ONLY ONE DAY WITH A  
SCHEDULE CALLING FOR AN INTERVAL LESS THAN THREE HOURS,  
AS HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN THE CASE, DID NOT JUSTIFY OVER-  
THREE-HOUR INTERVALS ON EVERY DAY.

(B) THE BRITISH SIDE HAS ALREADY LOOKED INTO THE  
SLOTING QUESTION. PAN AM COULD STILL HAVE AN INTERVAL  
EACH DAY WITHIN THE THREE-HOUR LIMIT, BUT THERE IS NO  
LONGER THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SAME SCHEDULE ON SIX OUT OF  
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SEVEN DAYS.

(C) MUCH OF THE BRITISH IRRITATION HAS BEEN CAUSED  
BY THE FEELING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH A  
FAIT ACCOMPLI. (BROWN INDICATED THAT HE NO LONGER HAS  
ANY HOPE OF BRINGING ABOUT A CHANGE BEFORE APRIL 1, AND  
THE PROBLEM OF THIS PARTICULAR SERVICE WILL NOT ARISE

DURING THE SUMMER SEASON.) THE UKG FEELS THAT AT THE VERY LEAST IF AN AIRLINE BELIEVES IT CANNOT ABIDE BY THE THREE-HOUR LIMIT, IT SHOULD SO NOTIFY THE UK AUTHORITIES IN ADVANCE, EXPLAINING BOTH THE OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS IN LONDON AND THE REASONS THERE CANNOT BE AN ADJUSTMENT IN THE DEPARTURE TIME FROM THE UNITED STATES.

3. WITH BROWN'S CONCURRENCE CIVAIR ATTACHE HAS NOTIFIED CORNING OF PAA THAT IN LIGHT OF EMBASSY LETTER UKDOT NO LONGER EXPECTS A REPLY TO BROWN'S LETTERS OF DEC. 20 AND JAN. 19 (THE LATTER ESSENTIALLY A REQUEST FOR AN EARLY RESPONSE TO THE DEC. 20 LETTER).

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